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The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to read the amendment.

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that further reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

On page 42, line 12, after the word "State," insert the following: "(or, in the case of an alien employee of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Director of Central Intelligence)".

On page 62, immediately below line 23, insert the following:

"In transmitting such listing for the Central Intelligence Agency, the Director of Central Intelligence may delete the information described clauses (1) and (3) (except for the name of the foreign government involved) if the Director certifies in writing to the Secretary of State that the publication of such information could adversely affect U.S. intelligence sources."

On page 37, below line 24, add the following new section:

"INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION AMENDMENTS"

"Sec. 113. (a) Section 2 (2) of the Act of September 19, 1906 (80 Stat. 808; 22 U.S.C. 277d-31), as amended, is further amended by inserting immediately after the figure '\$25,000' the following: 'based on estimated calendar year 1976 costs plus or minus such amounts as may be justified by reason of ordinary fluctuations in operation and maintenance costs involved therein.'"

"(b) Section 3 of the Act of August 10, 1964 (78 Stat. 386; 22 U.S.C. 277d-28), as amended, is further amended by inserting immediately after the figure '\$30,000' the following: 'based on December 1975 prices plus or minus such amounts as may be justified by reason of ordinary fluctuations in operation and maintenance costs involved therein.'"

"(c) Section 103 of the Act of September 13, 1950 (64 Stat. 847; U.S.C. 277d-3), as amended, is further amended by striking out '\$100 per diem' in the second sentence, and inserting in lieu thereof 'the maximum daily rate for GS-15 of the General Schedule.'"

On page 41, after line 16, add the following subsection:

"(d) Section 4(a) (6) of the Board for International Broadcasting Act of 1973 is amended by inserting after the words 'pay rates' the following sentence: 'However, not more than five such appointments may be placed in grades GS-16 through GS-18; and appointments in such grades shall be subject to the procedures prescribed under section 5108 of Title 5 of the United States Code.'"

On page 30, line 8, after the word "grant," insert the following: "approval necessary for the issuance of."

On page 59, line 4, after the word "Senate," add the following: "provided that for the purposes of subsection (c) (2) and subsection (e), the Secretary of the Senate shall carry out the responsibilities of the employing agency."

On page 60, delete lines 4 through 12 and insert in lieu thereof:

"(ii) an employee may accept gifts of travel expenses within a foreign country (such as transportation, food, and lodging) of more than minimal value from the government of that country only when the employing agency of the Government determines in advance that such travel is in the interest of the United States and that circumstances and conditions make acceptance of such expenses necessary."

On page 63, line 17, after the word "em-

ployee", add the following: "Upon request by another employing agency, the Department of State shall provide a determination as to whether a specified person or organization falls within the definition of 'foreign government' contained in subsection (a)."

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. President, all of these changes are of a very minor and uncontroversial nature. None of them would cause any change in the bill's basic budgetary or policy provisions. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate agree to these procedural and technical changes in the bill's provisions.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection. Without objection the amendment is agreed to.

SEC. 453 RELATING TO CUBA DELETED FROM BILL

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. President, the first item on the agenda today is Cuba. I was the sponsor of the provision in the bill relating to Cuba. My purpose was to indicate some small step in the direction of improved relations with this country. At this point, however, I do not believe my amendment serves that purpose. Very frankly, the amendment has been watered down to the point of being nearly meaningless, if not meaningless, and I think that a long and vitriolic debate today on its merits would be unproductive.

I ask unanimous consent that that section of the bill relating to Cuba, section 453, be deleted from the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? The Chair hears none. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. STONE. Mr. President, yesterday I introduced an amendment to strike section 453 of this bill entitled, "Certain Trade With Cuba." In order to express the concern of many of our colleagues in the Senate with the proposed partial lifting of the U.S. trade embargo against Cuba which this section provides. It is my understanding that the senior Senator from South Dakota, who is managing this bill, has withdrawn section 453 from the bill. I wish to thank him for his action, particularly since the section was reported out of committee by the distinguished senior Senator from South Dakota.

The major reason that I sought to strike this section is that neither the White House nor the State Department has affirmatively indicated its desire to have a congressional, statutory lifting of the trade embargo while sensitive negotiations are proceeding with Cuba. There are significant issues of great importance facing our negotiators: The largest confiscation of U.S. property in modern American history, the ever-expanding Cuban military role in Africa, and the largest per capita number of political prisoners in the world—at least 10,000 to 15,000—held by Castro.

Of great immediate importance, and great concern to me, is the intolerable situation in Cuba which finds 751 U.S. citizens who have made application through the Swiss Embassy to return to the United States and who are unable to do so. For 84 of these people are single-source U.S. citizens and the remaining

ones have Cuban families they cannot take with them from Cuba. This is a flagrant denial of the most fundamental of human rights—the right to unification of family and emigration. When they apply for exit permits through the Swiss, they are deprived of their jobs and require U.S. subsistence checks. This is a matter which our State Department is currently negotiating with the Cubans. At this time of great emphasis on human rights, particularly in view of the President's intention to focus upon improvement in human rights in Latin America and the Helsinki Accords Review Conference in Belgrade, it would be extremely inappropriate for us in the Congress to grant such a significant, advanced unilateral trade concession to Cuba, even before American citizens are allowed to leave that island.

Once again, I commend the floor manager for withdrawing section 453. I truly believe that this action will send a clear message from the Congress that human rights is as important in Cuba as anywhere else in the world.

UP AMENDMENT NO. 461

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. President, I now send an amendment to the desk, which I also think is of a noncontroversial nature, on behalf of Senator KENNEDY and myself. I ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment will be stated.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from South Dakota (Mr. McGOVERN) for himself and Mr. KENNEDY, proposes an unprinted amendment No. 461.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to read the amendment.

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. President, I ask that further reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

On page 38, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following new section:

Sec. 202. Notwithstanding section 501 of the United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948, as amended (U.S.C. 1461), the United States Information Agency shall, upon receipt of reimbursement for any expenses involved, make available the Administrator of General Services for deposit or use at the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library in Boston, Massachusetts, copies of the following films and trims and outtakes:

- "President Kennedy Address Canadian Parliament";
- "United in Progress";
- "America Welcomes Prime Minister Indira Gandhi (Nigeria)";
- "U.S. Welcomes Crown Prince Hassan (Libya)";
- "America Welcomes Ayub Khan";
- "America Welcomes President Aboudou Doucoure (Mali)";
- "Firm Alliance (Iran)";
- "American Journey (Ivory Coast)";
- "A Welcome Visitor (Nehru)";
- "Hailie Selassie (Return Visit)";
- "His Majesty, King Hassan (Morocco) Visits U.S.";
- "Salute to an African Leader (Bourguiba, Tunisia)";
- "Inauguration of John F. Kennedy";

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